10/517182 T05 Rec'd PCT/PTO 07, DEC 2004

MAT-8637US

XV

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No:

To Be Assigned

Applicant:

Hajime MAEKAWA, et al.

Filed:

Herewith

Title:

INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM, DEVICE

CONTROL METHOD IN THE SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM

FOR THE METHOD (AS AMENDED)

TC/A.U.: Examiner: To Be Assigned To Be Assigned

Confirmation No.:

To Be Assigned

Docket No.:

MAT-8637US

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop PCT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO 1449 (RP) submitted herewith. A copy of the references listed on the 1449 form, other than U.S. patents, is enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

The following references are not in the English language:

- 1) JP 2000-059871 A
- 2) JP 2001-053779 A

References 1) - 2) include English language abstracts.

References 1) - 2) were cited in a search report by a foreign Patent Office in a patent application corresponding to the above-identified patent application. A copy of this search report, which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office, is transmitted herewith. MPEP Section 609 IIIA(3), second paragraph.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-

referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence E. Ashery, Reg. No. 34,81 Attorney for Applicants

DNC/ds

Enclosures: PTO Form 1449

(2) References

International Search Report

Dated: December 7, 2004

P.O. Box 980

Valley Forge, PA 19482-0980

(610) 407-0700

EXPRESS MAIL

Mailing Label Number:

EV 547590856 US

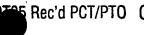
Date of Deposit:

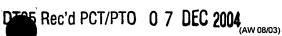
December 7, 2004

I hereby certify that this paper and fee are being deposited, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 and with sufficient postage, using the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the United States Postal Service on the date indicated above and that the deposit is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Kathleen Libby

DAS_I:\MAT\8637US\IDS_01.DOC





4	

Substitute for Form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

SHEET 1 of 2

	Complete if Known	
Application Number	To Be Assigned	
Filing Date	Herewith	
First Named Inventor	Hajime Maekawa, et af	
Art Unit	To Be Assigned	
Examiner Name	To Be Assigned	
Attorney Docket No.	MAT-8637US	

	U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Document Number	Publication Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
		Number - Kind Code ^{2 (if known)}				
		US-				
		US-		-		
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*		Foreign Patent Document		Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
	Cite No.1	Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (If known)	Publication Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	Applicant of Cited Document		Т ⁶
		JP 2000-059871 A (w/English abstract)	02-25-2000	SONY INTERNATIONAL EUROP GMBH		
		JP 2001-053779 A (w/English abstract)	02-23-2001	MATSUSHITA GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, INC.		

Examiner	Date	
Signature	Considered	
0.9.10 00.0	Considered	

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional).

²See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04.

³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard St.3).

For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

The collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

10/517182

DT05 Rec'd PCT/PTO 0 7 DEC 2004

PTO/SB/08b (08-03) (AW 10/2003)

Approved for use through 6/30/2006. OMB 0651-0031 d Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Under the Paperwork Redu

SHEET 2 of 2

Substitute for Form 1449B/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known To Be Assigned **Application Number** Filing Date Herewith First Named Inventor Hajime Maekawa, et al. To Be Assigned Art Unit Examiner Name To Be Assigned Attorney Docket No MAT-8637US

NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T ²		
		International Search Report for application no. PCT/JP03/07402 dated September 30, 2003			
-					
xaminer Signature	T	Date Considered			

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.

Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional).

²Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

The collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 120 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.